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SUBJECT: FRG PRESENCE IN BERLIN: HEINRICH HERZ
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SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO FRG/SENAT PLANS, THE PRESENT
HEINRICH HERZ INSTITUTE IN BERLIN WILL BE REORGANIZED
FROM A "REGISTERED ASSOCIATION" INTO A CORPORATION WITH
HALF-AND-HALF FRG AND BERLIN PARTICIPATION. END SUMMARY.

1. FRG BONN GROUP REP (KASTRUP) INFORMED OTHER REPS IN
NOV. 21 MEETING THAT FRG AND SENAT HAVE PLANS TO
REORGANIZE THE HEINRICH HERZ INSTITUTE WHICH HAS BEEN
FUNCTIONING IN BERLIN SINCE 1929. THE INSTITUTE, WHICH
ENGAGES IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON INFORMATION TRANS-
MISSION--AND PARTICULARLY REGARDING ELECTRICAL CYCLES--
HAS SINCE 1954 BEEN OPERATING AS AN ASSOCIATION RE-
GISTERED UNDER PROVISIONS OF BERLIN PUBLIC LAW, RE-
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CEIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM BERLIN AND FROM THE FRG.

FRG/SENAT PLANS CALL FOR REORGANIZING THE INSTITUTE INTO A CORPORATION (GMBH) ON JAN 1, 1975 WITH THE CAPITAL OF DM 50,000 BEING SUBSCRIBED HALF-AND-HALF BY BERLIN AND FRG. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT OF THE NEW CORPORATION WOULD BE FINANCED ENTIRELY BY FRG FUNDS WHILE ALL OTHER DEPARTMENTS WOULD RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM BOTH BERLIN AND FRG. THE PRESENT NUMBER OF 80 EMPLOYEES WOULD INCREASE OVER TIME TO A TOTAL OF 125, WHO WOULD BE EMPLOYEES OF THE CORPORATION AND NOT CIVIL SERVANTS. NO NEW LAWS ARE REQUIRED, THE FRG FINANCE AND RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY MINISTRIES HAVING BEEN ABLE TO TAKE THE NECESSARY DECISIONS ON THEIR OWN AUTHORITY. SUCH A CORPORATE ARRANGEMENT FOR JOINT FRG/BERLIN SUPPORT OF RESEARCH IN BERLIN IS ALREADY IN EFFECT FOR THE HAHN-MEISSNER INSTITUTE. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR INAUGURATION OF THE HEINRICH HERZ INSTITUTE IN ITS NEW FORM ON DEC. 13 IN BERLIN WITH THE PARTICIPATION WITH REMARKS OF MAYOR SCHUETZ AND FRG RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY MINISTER MATTHOEFER.

2. COMMENT: KASTRUP EMPHASIZED THAT FRG SEES "NOT THE SLIGHTEST HARM" IN ABOVE PLANS, AND REPS INDICATED THEIR FIRST REACTION WAS THAT REORGANIZATION ITSELF WAS NOT TROUBLESOME. WE WOULD THINK, HOWEVER, THAT PUBLIC INAUGURATION WITH PARTICIPATION OF SCHUETZ AND MATTHOEFER MAY BE PRESSING THINGS A BIT MUCH AND WE ARE INCLINED TO DOUBT WISDOM OF IT. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS TRIPARTITELY WITH VIEW TO DEVELOPING JOINT POSITION FOR POSSIBLE APPROACH TO FRG.
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